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R 280816Z JUN 78 FM AMEMBASSY KABUL TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8797 INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD AMEMBASSY MOSCOW AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: BABRAK ON HIS WAY TO A SOCIALIST COUNTRY; MORE BIO DATA ON NEW AFGHAN AMBASSADOR TO PAAUSTAN (BABRAK'S BROTHER)

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1. THE TURKISH CHARGE HAS INFORMED US THAT GDR CHARGE DR. BERND BIEDERMANN TOLD HIM THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER BABRAK KARMAL WAS DEFINITELY ON HIS WAY ABROAD AS AN AMBASSADOR TO A SOCIALIST COUNTRY, AND THAT BABRAK WOULD NOT BE ASSIGNED TO BERLIN OR MOSCOW. WIDESPREAD RUMORS HERE HAVE BABRAK GOING TO PRAGUE, BUT AFGHANISTAN ALSO MAINTAINS RESIDENT AMBASSADORS IN WARSAW, SOFIA, PEKING, HAVANA (ALTHOUGH THIS HAS BEEN FILLED FOR SOME TIME), AND BELGRADE.

2. PRESS ACCOUNTS OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MAHMOUD BARYALAI AS AMBASSADOR TO ISLAMABAD REVEAL THE FOLLOW-ING ADDITIONAL BIO DATA: 34 YEARS OLD; GRADUATED FROM THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE HABIBIA HIGH SCHOOL; LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN; DEGREE IN POLITICAL ECONOMICS FROM MOSCOW STATE UNIVERSITY; SPEAKS RUSSIAN AND ENGLISH. THE STORIES DO NOT INDICATE THAT BARYALAI IS BABRAK'S BROTHER.

3. A PAKISTANI DIPLOMAT HAS INFORMED US THAT

THE AGREMENT FOR BARYALAI WAS GRANTED EXCEPTIONALLY RAPIDLY (WITHIN 48 HOURS) AT THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT'S URGENT REQUEST. THE PAK EMBASSY HAS SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT BARYALAI WILL NOT BE GOING TO ISLAMABAD "FOR AWHILE", BECAUSE HE HAS TO COMPLETE HIS DOCTORAL STUDIES IN MOSCOW, WHERE HE IS AT THE MOMENT. AMSTUTZ

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